CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Felix In The Footsteps Of Leonidas: Part 1

Other known title(s): felix_one / 70033

OFLC ref: 1200465.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Distributor: Not stated

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Unidentified language

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 04 July 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	Felix In The Footsteps Of Leonidas: Part 1	40:24
Total running time:		40:24

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The file consists of a commercially produced feature from Eastern Europe which focuses for most of its length on a naked young boy as he plays alone in and around a pool in the countryside. Although the filmmaker claims the material has a naturist context, the lengthy focus of the camera on a young boy's naked body reveals its sexual purpose. The material is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in children or young people. The availability of the publication tends to create or reinforce this sexual interest and encourage exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.